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For a dozen long years hundreds of collectors and dealers gave unstintingly of their time, energies and funds to put the project under way and to keep it going. Not once in those years has any request for stamps gone unanswered, even when supplies were not available through contributions.

At the personal request of the late President F. D. Roosevelt, the American Red Cross, in Washington, endorsed Stamps for the Wounded as its official philatelic representative. When, after the war, the various hospitals and recuperative centers in the country changed from ARC to Veterans Administration, the VA requested that Stamps for the Wounded continue its services. Since then Stamps for the Wounded has been serving the needs of some 108 hospitals from coast to coast and from Canada to Mexico.

Within the last two years, there have been three rumors circulated which need clarification:

1. The rumor: Stamps for the Wounded has been discontinued.

The fact: Stamps for the Wounded has NOT been discontinued. Stamps for the Wounded is still a nationwide organization actively working according to its original policies for encouraging hospitalized servicemen to collect stamps as part of their recreational therapy programs.

2. The rumor: Stamps for the Wounded sells the stamps it receives.

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3. The rumor: That other organizations with similar-sounding names are working with Stamps for the Wounded.

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Stamps for the Wounded still has terrific need of material and will welcome donations now and in the future as it has in the past. There is a need for stamps in other institutions, too. However SFTW feels that it is necessary to stress that SFTW calls are made in behalf of hospitalized servicemen, and that appeals made for these men through groups other than Stamps for the Wounded must be recognized.

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## Liberia To Have Rotary Commemorative

Though belated, Liberia will note the 50th anniversary of Rotary International with three stamps, two of them airmails, and one souvenir sheet, on December 12. They will be printed in photogravure by the E. A. Wright Bank Note Co. of Philadelphia.



On the 5c green and gold are the Rotary Emblem and slogan, and a Liberian worker gathering latex. The 10c blue and red pictures the organization's International headquarters building and a spray of laurel. A view of Monrovia, Liberia's capital, and the emblem are found on the 15c brown red and gold.

The souvenir sheet bears a 50c airmail, perforated, in purple and red, in the same design as the 10c sheet stamps excepting the laurel spray.

## Fire Damages Plate Stock And Office

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Mr. Weiss advises that he nor none of the staff suffered injury and that all of them are making extra strong efforts to get things arranged to once again provide normal service.

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This young man is showing the stamps preparatory to making his sale at this home.

In Europe the first set of charity stamps was issued at a carnival in Genoa. These were of such denominations as 20 and 70 soldi.

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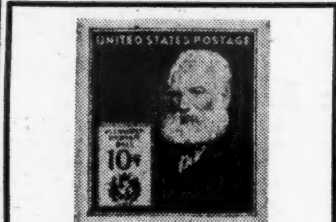
Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee was another occasion on which unofficial stamps were issued, these for the benefit of the Prince of Wales Hospital. Their example was followed by Russia in 1905, the Netherlands and Rumania in 1906, Barbados in 1907, Belgium in 1910 and Portugal in 1911. Their use is now wide-spread and their collection can make an interesting deviation for a philatelist, or a fascinating hobby for one who likes to collect the unusual.

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## Comes 1956

There is a whole new year about to unfold in front of us and there is every indication that it is going to be a good one. There will be many changes made in a national way and there is hope among all people that our president will use every effort to bring about changes in an international way that we have all longed for.



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We believe it will be a good year for our country and that means a good year for everyone. We who have stamp collecting as a hobby will look forward to many new stamps, perhaps the chief of which will be the series that will come for the several 100th anniversaries of a nation's first postage stamps. Several United States issues are expected to be announced.

## Stamps Are Booming

The stamp market is on the boom, right now and will no doubt continue in its upward spiral for some time to come. Stamps are usually slow in picking up momentum when other commodities are on the upward move but they always follow such cycles and usually carry on beyond any slump that comes in a general way.

One of the best guides to the stamp market is found in the Buy and Sell sheet issued by The Mint Sheet Brokerage Co.. Nothing reflects the actual value of your stamps better than the Bid and Ask prices for full sheets as quoted in this list, for after all, the bulk of the average dealer's stock of stamps as covered by issues usually found listed in the bulletin is obtained from such sources as patronize them. There comes a time when the surplus sheets which have been bought by collectors trickle into the hands of dealers and are torn up and sold out as singles and blocks. Only after all of these sheets are gone will the stamps climb higher and faster. There are times when there is an unusual jump in prices as came in 1947 but we do not look for such an advance in the coming year, although there is certain to be some advance over current quotations.

It would seem that the Farleys should be almost cleaned up but there must still be quite a few of them available or else there is not the demand that should come from the number of collectors there are today.

In 1947 they hit an all time high but fell off rapidly in the following years. The 16c air fell to as low as \$80 per sheet but inside of the past several months it has again gone up. Surely the increase is much nearer its real worth and we expect to see it go even higher.

This sheet should never again get to such a low figure as it hit in the past year and collectors who need any of these stamps should get them soon as they are nearing the time when available stocks will be exhausted and that means a new high price and a firm one for such items. Stamps of this nature only fluctuate to any great extent as long as there are sheets available. The supply will be exhausted some day and then such stamps will go to a higher figure and stick there, moving upward year after year as the source of supply will be gone, and only turn over of big collections will bring more in the market.

## Unaddressed First Day Covers

The unaddressed First Day Cover seems to be the most marketable. Reason for this is that the eventual buyer likes to put his own address on the cover as it makes it a bit more personal than having covers in his collection that are addressed to somebody else.

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Just obtain some labels ungummed with your printed address. If you have none of these you can take some small pieces of plain ungummed paper about one by three inches in size and write your address on these small slips, then go to a stationery store and buy a bottle or can of rubber cement. Attach the labels to your covers with rubber cement and send them through in the usual manner. When they come back to you just put a few drops of benzine or other water-mark fluid on the label and that will cut the rubber and let you peel the label off. Then take your finger and rub off the loose rubber and you have a nice clean unaddressed cover.

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The collection was formally donated to Regis some years ago, in memory of the Cardinal's aunt who was a member of the Community of St. Joseph for more than half a century. It formerly was kept at St. Theresa's Convent, in West Roxbury, Mass., until the library was completed last summer and a specially designed room could be constructed in the modern building.

The spacious room is attractively appointed and has cabinets, files and working desks expressly designed and built to accommodate Sister Fidelma's philatelic requirements. While some of the material will be regularly displayed in exhibition frames and cases—not only in the room, but in the foyers and halls of the library, most of it will be filed for protection. The entire collection, however, always will be available to collectors and philatelists who wish to see it or use it for reference and research.

It will continue to be available to national and international exhibitions as heretofore, wherever portions of it are desired by exhibition committees.

## Final Prospectus For FIPEX Offered

The final prospectus for FIPEX, the Fifth International Philatelic Exhibition, has now been released and is available to those who want to display their collections. New York City's new Coliseum at 59th St. and 8th Ave. will be the place from April 28 through May 6.

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Robert E. Fellers, director of the Philatelic Division, Post Office Department, has generously supplied some information which I am sure many collectors of U. S. stamps did not have. It concerns the designation given to several type plates for the printing of postage stamps in use at the Bureau of Engraving. The following terms have been used when the POD sent its report of plate activity at the Bureau, and I know they were not clear to readers. Mr. Fellers writes:

"The terms 'Ordinary, Curved, EE' have been in use some time and, of course, refer to plates used for the printing of ordinary series stamps on plates curved to fit the rotary press and which are perforated on electric eye machines.

"CONVERTIBLE. The term 'Convertible' is a comparatively new one. The Bureau of Engraving and Printing has two types of electric eye perforating machines. Electric eye markings on the stamp plates are different for each machine. A plate having a combination of the markings of the two plates used on each of these machines has been designed which permits the perforating of stamps on either machine. Such a plate is called 'Convertible'.

"REVERSED. On 170 subject coil work the vertical dashes are usually on the left side and the horizontal dashes on the right side. On the reverse plate the dashes are on the right side and the horizontal on the left. This reverses the stamps when they are fed into the perforating machine and permits them to be properly wound into coils for use in affixing machines.

"MODIFIED DESIGN. This plate has a series of dashes on both sides to permit the perforation of the stamps either way; that is, right side up or upside down."

1. Which values of the National Parks series appeared in souvenir sheet form?
2. Which stamps are used for the TIPEX souvenir sheet?

Here are some paragraphs from a letter sent the Mellon commm due December 20 which I believe deserve printing—

"Just a little comment to your editorial on page five (U. S. Notes) of the November 14 issue: Why are you so mad about the forthcoming Mellon commemorative stamp? Just because Mr. Mellon was a millionaire?

"Did you ever hear about the National Gallery of Art in Washington, D. C. which happens to be one of the finest Art Museums in the world today? It was built in 1937 at an approximate cost of \$15,000,000, a gift from Mr. Mellon. Mr. Mellon also donated his priceless private art collection which to this day forms the nucleus of the treasures of our National Gallery.

"We have had stamps honoring everything from the poultry industry to the newspaper boys. We have honored the founder of Memorial Poppy and the women who is believed to have made the first American flag.

"Why should we object to honoring a man who not only has given distinguished service to his country as Secretary of the Treasury but has also made an invaluable contribution to the cultural life of the nation?"

This column has never opposed any worthy person for stamp honors because of wealth, color or religion. I grant that Mr. Mellon did the things which added to our cultural heritage, and performed a notable job as Secretary of the Treasury.

However, there are hundreds of other wealthy men who have given of the riches this country made possible for them. They too, have made advancements and advantages possible for the nation and its citizens. A number of them did so because they wanted to

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share with America the things America gave them. Others have looked at the tax possibilities on their wealth and made donations to causes rather than give it to Uncle Sam in the way of taxes.

And then there have been the priceless contributions of lives in war and peace which are far and above any material financial contributions.

In think any person has to be extremely superior before he or she is worthy of being pictured on a stamp. Mr. Mellon was never that extraordinary. We had stamps for mediocre causes and individuals and I have opposed them here in print. However adding another such item to the list isn't justified by past sins.

John C. McClure of Glen Ellyn, Ill. calls attention to a service provided by Pan American World Airways whereby one can send a letter from Santa Claus to a child, with a North Pole cancellation.

The special stationery can be gotten from the Travel Agencies in the larger cities or at any Pan American office. There is no charge for a sheet and envelope of this jolly Santa Claus material.

Using it, one writes the letter to the child thereon, and signs it "Santa Claus". Then the child's name and address are written on the envelope, the letter inserted, and a 6c U. S. stamp added. It is then placed in the hands of the travel agency or the Pan American office. Or one can place the letter in another larger envelope addressed to Pan American World Airways, Santa Claus Letter Service, Fairbanks, Alaska.

It must be mailed by airmail before mid-December.

From there your letter will be forwarded on to the child a few days later—really mailed from the north pole with the proof right in the postmark.

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One of the important things being considered for New York City in the transportation of mail was announced recently. The NYC postmaster, and officials from the POD are considering using the subway trains to haul it. Checks are to be made whether that would be more feasible in handling and moving time than the continued use of trucks on the crowded streets of the big city.

Tryouts are being thought of on a small scale on the Independent Line. Hudson Terminal post office mail would be taken to the Chambers St. Sta. and unloaded at the subway entrance by P.O. personnel. Subway employees would take this below to the station for carrying on a special mail car to the 34th St. Sta. There subway employees would again carry the mail bags to the curb on the street level where p.o. trucks would take over and transport them to the main post office at 33rd St. and 8th Ave.

There will be nothing of interest to collectors here because no mail will be handled outside the sacks. If adopted, the idea is for speedier hauling only, and not for sorting and postmarking.

William Wonneberger, Jr. of Stratford, Conn. has dug into the files relative to the UN precancel stamp. There was intimation in some quarters that this 1½c item came from more than one printing and that some minute differences were present.

Mr. Wonneberger advises that on September 2, 1952 Dennison & Sons delivered 500,000 precancelled

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The fact that all 1½c UN precancels are from the same original lot negates the supposition there was more than one printing.

While in New York for the ASDA Show a few weeks ago, I picked up some current information on the giant Coliseum where the Fifth International Philatelic Exhibition is to be held April 28 to May 6.

The building is now 75% completed and will be ready on schedule. The outside walls are now 80% finished and all structural steel is in place. The four exhibition floors will provide 273,362 square feet of usable space (the stamp show will use two, the international sports car show one, and the international photographic exhibition, one).

Traffic inside the building will be moved with seven large escalators and eight elevators. One of the latter is claimed to be the "largest elevator in the world", it being approximately 15ft. wide and 60ft. long, without a ceiling and capable of lifting 38 tons. It was planned to raise trailer trucks from the street level to any of the exhibition floors.

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The first supplement to "The Horse on Stamps" appears in this issue, along with further instalments on the series on Ships on Stamps, Maps on Stamps, and Biographies of Philatelic Doctors.

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Italy's latest philatelic contribution is double-pronged—a single-value medical-topical commemorative from Italy and five new definitive stamps from San Marino, advises P. Ostrow of Burlington, Vt.



A 25-Lire gray-green stamp from Italy honors a pioneer in the fight against malaria, Battista Grassi. He was born in Rovellasca on March 27, 1854 and died at Rome on May 4, 1925. The stamp had originally been scheduled for issue last May.

Battista graduated from the University of Pavia, and spent his time in a study of the life history of termites, intestinal worms and various insects. He made significant contributions, through his study of mosquitoes, to the fight against malaria. The stamp itself portrays Grassi, a benign, be-spectacled and be-whiskered old man, with, quite fittingly, a microscope and a mosquito at his left. It is printed by photogravure on star-watermarked paper, distributed in sheets of 40 stamps.



San Marino's regular postage set is apparently being exhausted piecemeal, for five unannounced new values have been released without warning. The new designs are by R. Franzoni, who has done so many of San Marino's recent issues. They are identical with those used on the Red Cross commemoratives of 1951, but the format has been changed to the small size used for the 1949 definitives, and the stamps are printed by photogravure on star-watermarked paper instead of engraved on paper with winged-wheel watermark. Denominations are 5, 10, 15, 25 and 35 Lire.

### Dixiana Stampers Reveal New Officers

Officers for the new term of the Dixiana Stampers have been announced. Henry C. Koberg was chosen president, an office to which he is no stranger having served in that spot in various years.  
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The next four editions of a special nature are as follows: —  
December 26 — Vatican Philatelic Society.  
January 30 — Luxembourg Philatelic Society.  
February 27 — Society of Israel Philatelists.  
March 27 — National Highway Post Office Society.

Further inquiries can be directed to this paper by interested dealers.

Clubs or societies agreeable to sponsoring a special edition can get the details on request.

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### Bronx County Club Installs New Officers

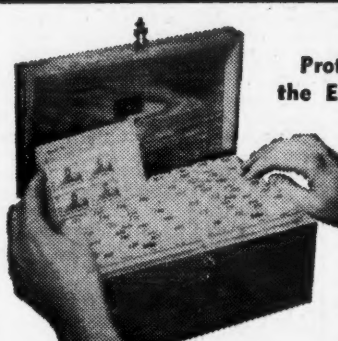
The newly elected officers of the Bronx County Stamp Club were recently installed by John J. Britt. They are president Milton G. Tunick; vice presidents Harry Holman and George I. Silberberg; treasurer Frederick Yeager; secretary Isidore Willinger, 314 E. 163rd St., New York 56, N. Y.

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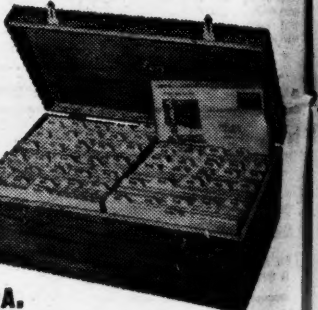
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It was a great pleasure to meet so many of the readers of this column in person at New York City's 7th Annual ASDA Show which took place between November 18 and 20 and drew the usual huge crowds to the 34th Street Armory. Over one hundred boothholders catered to the needs of the 65,000 visitors and almost without exception reported excellent results.

All of the participating dealers were particularly gratified at the large number of out-of-town collectors who had gone to the expense of traveling to the big city solely to attend. While a number of the leading professionals who specialize in United States stamps participated and had some outstanding material to offer, this was for the most part not true of the dealers featuring foreign stamps who largely concentrated on issues in the low price-range for the juvenile and beginners' trade.

There are at least two dozen dealers who are widely known to deal in British Empire stamps exclusively, yet only one of these took part in this year's show and, needless to add, his booth was heavily patronized during all three days.

Generally speaking, only a hand full of dealers at the show offered merchandise of interest to advanced collectors and specialists of foreign material. It is surprising that so many leading dealers who do not hesitate to spend vast sums on advertising miss this fine opportunity to establish face to face contact with their customers.

A new printing of Trinidad & Tobago #83, the \$4.80 QE II top value, was released by the London Crown Agents on November 16. The new arrival is comb-perforated 1 1/2 all around. There is a report which we have so far been unable to confirm but which comes from a highly responsible source that Pakistan's two United Nations 10th Anniversary values were originally overprinted 8th Anniversary by mistake (this being the 8th anniversary of Pakistan's establishment and that a small supply of these errors had been sold over the counter for a short while before the issue was withdrawn.

This would certainly be a most intriguing and popular error in view of the wide interest in all issues pertaining to the United Nations. Incidentally, even the indications are that this may be the scarcest of the 10th Anniversary group.

There is quite an interesting story behind India-Jaipur Scott #58 and the corresponding official stamp, #030. Towards the end of 1947, the stocks of the 1/4 anna regular stamps, ordinary as well as service, were exhausted and fresh supplies were not forthcoming from the printers, the Security Press, Nasik, India, due to bloody riots throughout the country. Therefore the Jaipur State government decided to surcharge the stocks of the then current 1/4 anna stamps as an emergency measure.

As the printing was done hurriedly, a number of errors and varieties crept in. It is stated that these surcharges were issued during the last week of December 1947 and that only 32,000 stamps of each provisional were printed which were mostly used up for postage.

The printing was done at the local Jail Press. It was necessary to break up the original entire sheets of 120 subjects into four panes of 30 each (5 x 6) as the only available printing press was too small to overprint the full sheets in one operation.

A study of these panes has revealed a number of interesting oddities, most of which are now listed by Gibbons but have not as yet been included in Scott's 1956 edition. No. 58 exists with overprint "3 PIE" instead of "3 PIES", also with the bars at left vertical, with the overprint inverted, with the overprint double, one inverted. The

"PIE" for "PIES" error is also known on both of the last two types. There are three errors on #030: inverted overprint, double overprint of which one is inverted and the same error once again with the "PIE" variety. Specialists are having a field day on this particular issue and are wearing out their magnifying glasses. We'll have further comments on unusual Indian States issues from time to time.

See you next week!

### APS Central Office Modernly Equipped

In the little college town of State College, Pa. the American Philatelic Society maintains a large and modern central office. The executive secretary, H. Clay Musser, a life-long resident of the town, has been the guiding light of A.P.S. details for ten years, and devoted his full time to supervising its records, correspondence and management. He is capably assisted by Mrs. Jane Moyer and Mrs. Madelane Shay on a full-time basis, and from time to time employs other help.

The office occupies 2500 square feet on the second floor of the Nittany Building at Beaver Ave. and Allen St. It is air conditioned and has all the latest equipment to make its operations efficient. All correspondence of members and others with the society is directed to this central office and is either taken care of by Mr. Musser's staff or forwarded to the appropriate officers or committee heads.

A surprising number of inquiries - amounting to the hundreds every day - are answered personally by Mr. Musser. The nearly twelve thousand members of the society consider his office a clearing house

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Literature for sale by the society is stocked at the central office, and all orders are filled on the day received.

Members and non-members are invited to visit the central office whenever they are near State College, Pa.

### Lancaster, Pa. Club Installs New Officers

The James Buchanan Chapter of the Philatelic Society of Lancaster Co., Pa. recently installed officers to attend to club affairs for the new year. They were headed by president Charles W. Griffiths of Millersville.

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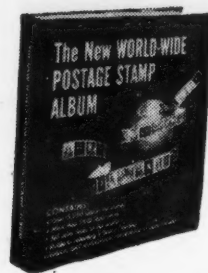
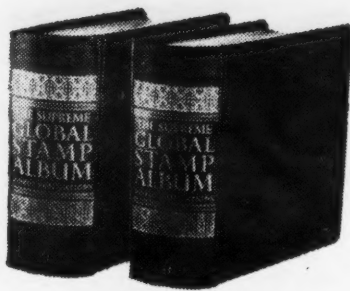
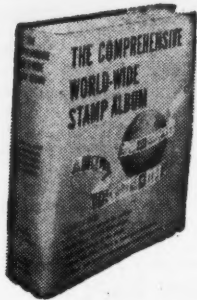
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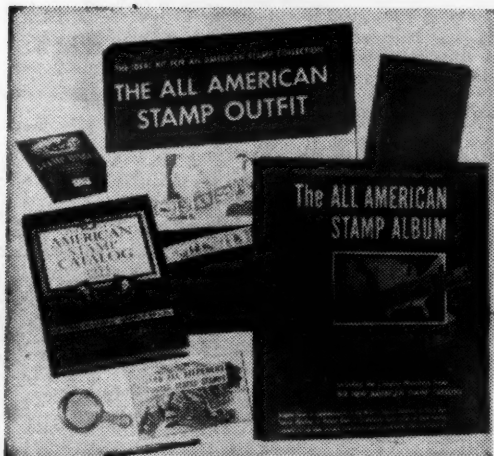
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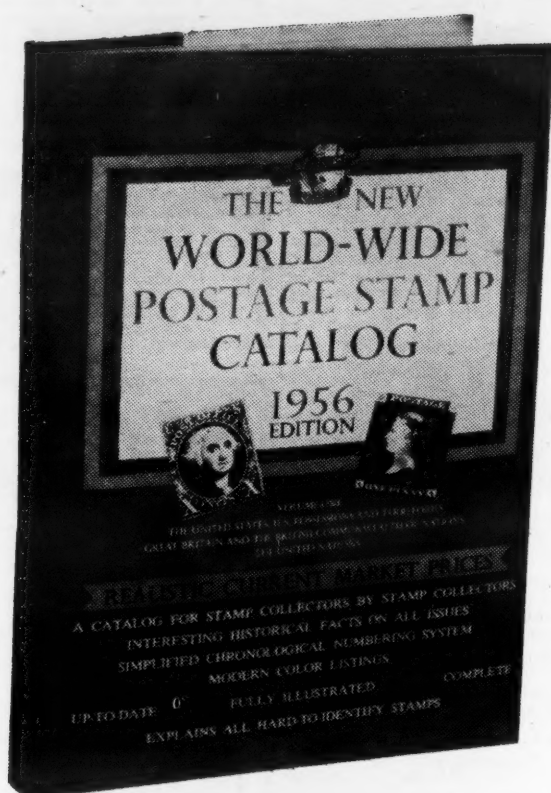
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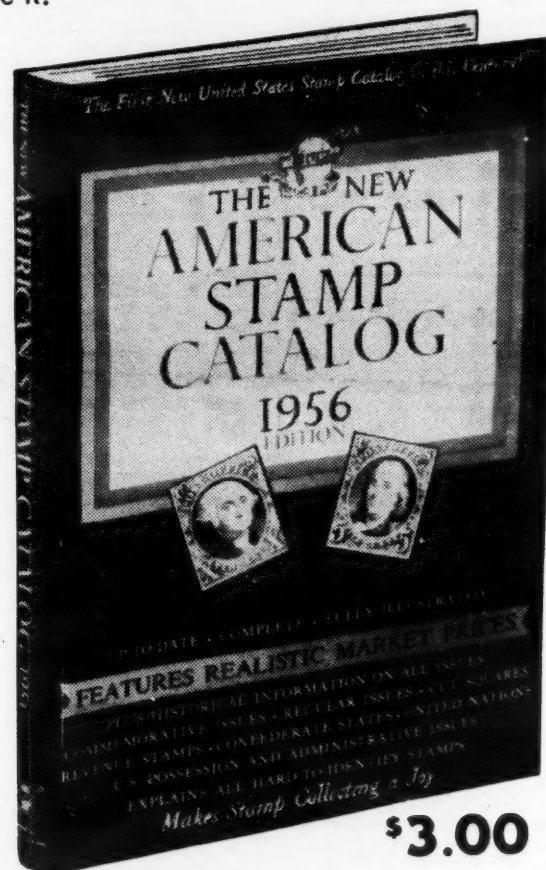


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A popular gift is usually one which is part of the individual's pastime, or hobby. Many will frequently hesitate when it comes to wearing apparel, or other items, where you have to wonder whether the correct color, style or size will fit and please the recipient, who may have to thank you for the sentiment, even if it isn't exactly the thing that he wanted. When you make a person a gift which is part of his or her hobby, a greater sense of satisfaction is often experienced. It is not always the high price of the gift that offers the most enthusiastic response of gratitude.

If you have noticed, your friends who collect plate blocks, express great joy when they find a scarce one even though they may have had to pay full price. Thus you know in advance, what pleasure you can offer by way of a gift to them. Here you have a chance to do some shopping for gifts that will be doubly appreciated.

With most other types of gifts it is only the cost that enters into it and it is only your decision to buy this article. Here, if the recipient would like another one like it, for the same price, he can buy it too. A gift of plate blocks can have the greater satisfaction of receiving an article of value, the sentiment behind it, plus the resourcefulness of the giver, in finding something that could not be found to date. A gift of plate blocks of this type will also be a pleasure to the donor if he is successful in finding and purchasing the various elusive items that he knows his friends need.

Among the things you might choose to buy would be different parts of a known want list, matched plate numbers, or complete sets of all positions. If you are filled with the good will spirit of the season, and if you are making these gifts straight from the heart, it may surprise you to know that you will have contributed much with these gestures for a reciprocal attitude in kind from all your friends.

If you know your friends collect commemoratives, you can surprise them with some they need, either from the earlier issues or some of the very latest missing in their collections. If they collect the regular or special services issues, you have a greater field whereby you can pick out any one, or more suitable and desirable items. If you know that they need it and can use it, you can also resort to accessories, such as album pages, mounts, or other miscellaneous items suitable for each beneficiary.

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## Colombia, India Sweden Seals

India, a nation which is predominantly of the Hindu religion, has adopted the Christian "Birth of the Savior" for its 1955 Christmas seal design. It, of course has a "warm country" setting, beneath a tree, with Mary, Joseph and the Infant in native dress, and a lamb at the foot of the crib.



Colors are silver (in the outer frame), green, red and black. Inscriptions are in the English language.



The South American nation of Colombia has an anti-tuberculosis Christmas seal which pictures a child walking in a path of light made by the Cross of Lorraine. This item has a selling price included in the design of 5c. Colors are red, yellow and blue.



Sweden has what will be claimed by a number of collectors as one of the poorest designs that nation has ever produced for its annual seal issue. The Tatham Stamp & Coin Co. which sent news of the seals did not identify the melange of geometric forms and colors but they supposedly are to represent flags or banners.

Funds derived from the seal sale will go to the anti-TB organization. The colors are green, yellow, red, blue and black.

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Peron issues which became invalid for postage fees on November 25 are, by Scott numbers, as follows:—637, 599-618, 626, CB6, 595-7, 079-091, 083a, 092. Also all the postal stationery including postal cards and stamped envelopes.

Coming soon are three stamps for the regular postage series which began with the release of a 20c in August 1954, and 80c, \$2, \$20 and \$50 in January of 1955.



In rotogravure is a \$3 which pictures the dam in Mendoza Province called El Nihuil. From engraved plates, and supposed to have been released December 1 are a \$5 picturing the Iguazu Waterfalls and a \$10 with a landscape of the Bolivian town of Humahuaca.

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511 .56	643 .08	694 .06
613 .12	650 .09	701 .07
618 .12	651 .40	702 .06
619 .18	652 .09	708 .07
622 .12	653 .07	712 .06
623 .12	654 .08	715 .08
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**BELGIUM.** Seven stamps will be issued on December 10, the surtax of which will go toward the anti-tuberculosis fund. The values will be: 20c plus 5c; 80c plus 20c; 1.20fr plus 30c; 1.50fr plus 50c; 2fr plus 50c; 4fr plus 2fr and 8fr plus 4fr.  
**BRAZIL.** The closing of the Spring games of 1955 was marked by the issuance of a 6c red-violet stamp on November 12.

A 40c stamp will be issued during December to mark the centennial of the birth of Monteiro Lobato.  
**CHILE.** On November 3 a \$500 value was issued representing the third value in the new airmail set.  
**CHINA (Formosa).** Three stamps of similar design were issued on November 12 to commemorate the 90th anniversary of the birth of Dr. Sun Yat-sen. The design shows the birthplace of Dr. Sun in Tsui Heng Village. The values are: 40c blue, \$2 brown, \$7 red.

**CZECHOSLOVAKIA.** Famous personalities were honored with the issuance of four stamps on October 27. These and the values are: Hans Christian Andersen, 30h brown; Friedrich von Schiller, 40h blue; A. Mickiewicz, 60h brown; Walt Whitman, 75h gray-green.  
"Construction and Socialism" is the theme of four new stamps issued during November.

**DENMARK.** On November 3 a 12 ore dark blue postage due stamp was issued. It is the same type as the current postage due stamps.

**FRANCE.** Gerard de Nerval, poet, is depicted on the new 12fr reddish-brown stamp issued on November 11.

**GERMANY (East).** Friedrich Engels is honored on a six value set of stamps issued on November 7. The values are: 5pf blue and yellow; 10pf purple and yellow; 15pf green and yellow; 20pf reddish-brown and yellow; 30pf orange-brown and yellow; 70pf green and red.

**POLAND.** A 40gr. brown, teacher and child and a 60gr. blue, torch and open book, were issued on October 21 to honor the Polish Teachers' Trade Union.

**ROMANIA.** Two stamps were issued on June 17 for the Volley Ball Championship. The 55 bani is on rose paper and shows men playing, and the 1.75 lei on purple and yellow paper shows women playing.

On June 28 five stamps were issued showing various Romanian museums.

**RUSSIA.** To mark the 60th anniversary of the invention of the radio-telegraph, A. S. Popov was honored with the issuance of two stamps of the same design. The values are: 40kop. and 1rbl.

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Other officers are vice president Lester S. Glass, and secretary-treasurer Mrs. L. Martel, 6067 Norwood St., Philadelphia 38, Pa. Collectors of Germany in the area are invited to the next meeting at the home of the president Sunday January 15 at 2 p.m.

Membership in the parent society is a requisite for becoming one of the chapter members.

**Dealer ★ ★ ★ Doings**

John D. Hayes, 15377 Kentucky Ave., Detroit, Mich. states that his new Catalog #32 for 1956, which deals with United States stamps exclusively, is now available to all for 25c which is deductible on the first order. It contains over 70 pages, has more than 400 illustrations of stamps, is pocket-size and printed on a fine grade of enameled stock.

Announcement is made that 20th Century Stamps will now operate under the name of its owner-manager, Joseph J. Goldberg at 225 W. Fourth St., Los Angeles 13, Calif. The firm has a good stock of mint and used stamps from all over the world which are advertised regularly in display ads in Linn's. Write if you have specialized wants of any kind.

Siegfried Simon, who operates "Stamp Center - Europe", 863 S. 15th St., Newark 8, N. J. states that collectors who have stamps missing in various sets of Germany will not need to have to buy a complete set to get up to date. His new price list, at 20c creditable to the first order, has all such singles — also West-East Berlin, Saar and Austria.

Now in a new location is Bob Schwannke at 1605 Phelon St., Saginaw, Mich. which gives him better opportunities than ever to service the needs of his many customers. He specializes in the stamps of the Latin American nations and claims to have one of the largest stocks of his area in existence. He invites collectors to send want lists.

Texture Craft, 545 41st St. Union City, N. J. advises that the price of the items mentioned in their ad of November 21 in the first paragraph is \$3 — the first 13 issues of U. S. commems in 1956, on three-colors, hand-prepared, velvet-finish cachet first day covers. The firm will make offers regularly under FDC's in the classified section.

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In February, Earl P. Apfelbaum, 1428 S. Penn Sq., Philadelphia 2, Pa. will auction the large United States collection and accumulation of the late Dr. Carl M. Bigelow of Whitehouse Sta., N. J. The most famous part is the highly specialized prize-winning section devoted to the 3c 1869's. Free Catalogs of the sale are sent for the asking.

The wrong number was given in the street address of the ad of the Vel-Mar Stamp Co. in the November 14 edition. Those who sent orders should send them to 3172 Oak Hill Ave., St. Louis 16, Mo. Offered were mint souvenir sheets of the CIPEX and SPA and ten used commems for 25c with Selected Custom U. S. Approvals. The firm has a fine stock of stamps.

In the October 24 edition in the classified section under the FOR SALE FOREIGN head, there was an error of listing in part of the ad of Tai Yung of Macau. It should have read—"Per Packet \$1 — 500 China; 60 Viet Nam and Indo-China. Per Packet \$2 — 60 North Borneo; 150 British Asia. Mr. Yung specializes in packets of the far east countries.

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I also have a report of an error from Bristol Center, N. Y. The town name reading "Bristol Center". I have not seen this stamp although the error seems a logical one in that all the letters are there, only transposed.

## WESTERN TOWNS.

In a recent issue of the Golden Gate Bulletin it mentioned the discontinued town of Orchards, Washington. In this issue also was a list of collectors and the towns they had from each state. The number of towns that was possible was real interesting and you can bet is up to date.

Here they are—Arizona 42; California 608; Colorado 176; Idaho 87; Montana 108; Nevada 22; New Mexico 66; Oregon 183; Utah 56; Washington 211; Wyoming 42. And there are some mighty scarce ones in that group. The Bulletin was mailed from Taos, New Mexico with a 2c Prexy. This was long one of the RARE western towns so now it will rest in a lot of collector's albums who never thought they could ever get one. I will send the address of the Golden Gate Bulletin for return postage. (No precancel stamp).

### NEW CATALOG (Continued from page 1)

Africa. Harrison D. S. Haverbeck was the authority for the Indian States. J. A. Ferrer Monge helped with Cuba; Walter Wyckherly with Australia and Jal Cooper of Bombay with the India section.

The Collectors Club of New York provided facilities for comparison on checking. Historical and educational material was checked by the consulates of Australia, Burma, Canada and many others.

With such help the Minkus Catalog has about a complete and accurate listings as it is possible to get. These people have also added items of information which have generally never before been available.

A chronological system of listing, such as most of the foreign catalogs use, has been adopted by the Minkus. This means that stamps are listed as issued, by years. One will thus find regulars, commems, airmails, officials and the like following each other in sequence, governed only by the date of release.

The topical collector will find a real hunting ground. Every face different stamp is illustrated and it thus is easy to determine whether any part of a design falls within his category just by looking. Other catalogs might picture just one of a set and describe the other designs with words, something which hardly does much for the topicalist.

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### ARTISTS (Continued from page 1)

postal transport, although there is no requirement that these topics be used.

Drawings must be 250 x 144mm for ordinary postage, and 251 x 149mm for airmail postage, and a space 6 x 9mm must be left at the bottom of each drawing for the placing of the imprint. February 1, 1956 is closing date for the contest.

The equivalent of the prizes in dollars is \$800, \$400, and \$200. The postage stamps themselves will be issued on August 1, precisely one hundred years after the appearance of the first series.

Insofar as the denominations suggested for the new issue are concerned, they indicate that the long-expected increase in Mexican postal rates is about to occur. Probably the new rate for letters within the country will increase from 20 to 30 centavos, and the foreign rate will change from 30 to 50 centavos for the first 20 grams or fraction.

Airmail rates will apparently likewise increase from 25 to 30 centavos for a 5-gram letter to the United States and from 35 to 50 centavos on the 20-gram domestic airmail letters. Announcement of these changes is expected before the end of December 1955 when the present session of the Mexican Congress will come to a close.

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In addition a member of the Mexican Philatelic Society, which celebrated its first anniversary in August will be named to this committee, and the Bulletin of the Mexican Philatelic Society will henceforth be printed in English, French, and Spanish, instead of in Spanish alone, and will become the official organ for the diffusion of information and propaganda for the Universal Philatelic Exposition next August.

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13	.08	304	.12	387	.04	C86	.40	C143	.20
14	.10	305	.12	388	.10	C87	.40	C144	.20
15	.10	306	.12	389	.10	C88	.40	C145	.20
16	.10	307	.12	390	.10	C89	.40	C146	.20
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29	.16	320	.20	C3	.25	C102	.10	F5	.10
30	.10	321A	.18	C4	.25	C103	.10	F6	.10
31	.10	322	.10	C5A	.10	C104	.20	F7	.10
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33	.10	324	.10	C7A	.16	C106	.20	F9	.10
34	.10	325	.10	C8A	.16	C107	.20	F10	.10
35	.10	326	.10	C9A	.30	C108	.20	F11	.10
36	.10	327	.10	C10A	.40	C109	.20	F12	.10
37	.10	328	.10	C11A	.40	C110	.20	F13	.10
38	.10	329	.10	C12A	.40	C111	.20	F14	.10
39	.10	330	.20	C13A	.65	C112	.30	F15	.10
40	.10	331	.20	C14A	.65	C113	.30	F16	.10
41	.10	332	.20	C15A	.65	C114	.30	F17	.10
42	.50	333	.20	C16A	.65	C115	.30	F18	.10
43	.08	334	.12	C17A	.65	C116	.30	F19	.10
44	.10	335	.12	C18A	.65	C117	.30	F20	.10
45	.10	336	.12	C19A	.65	C118	.30	F21	.10
46	.10	337	.12	C20A	.65	C119	.30	F22	.10
47	.10	338	.12	C21A	.65	C120	.30	F23	.10
48	.10	339	.12	C22A	.65	C121	.30	F24	.10
49	.10	340	.12	C23A	.65	C122	.30	F25	.10
50	.10	341	.12	C24A	.65	C123	.30	F26	.10
51	.10	342	.12	C25A	.65	C124	.30	F27	.10
52	.10	343	.12	C26A	.65	C125	.30	F28	.10
53	.10	344	.12	C27A	.65	C126	.30	F29	.10
54	.10	345	.12	C28A	.65	C127	.30	F30	.10
55	.10	346	.12	C29A	.65	C128	.30	F31	.10
56	.10	347	.12	C30A	.65	C129	.30	F32	.10
57	.10	348	.12	C31A	.65	C130	.30	F33	.10
58	.10	349	.12	C32A	.65	C131	.30	F34	.10
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61	.10	352	.12	C35A	.65	C134	.30	F37	.10
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69	.10	360	.12	C43A	.65	C142	.30	F45	.10
70	.10	361	.12	C44A	.65	C143	.30	F46	.10
71	.10	362	.12	C45A	.65	C144	.30	F47	.10
72	.10	363	.12	C46A	.65	C145	.30	F48	.10
73	.10	364	.12	C47A	.65	C146	.30	F49	.10
74	.10	365	.12	C48A	.65	C147	.30	F50	.10
75	.10	366	.12	C49A	.65	C148	.30	F51	.10
76	.10	367	.12	C50A	.65	C149	.30	F52	.10
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81	.10	372	.12	C55A	.65	C154	.30	F57	.10
82	.10	373	.12	C56A	.65	C155	.30	F58	.10
83	.10	374	.12	C57A	.65	C156	.30	F59	.10
84	.10	375	.12	C58A	.65	C157	.30	F60	.10
85	.10	376	.12	C59A	.65	C158	.30	F61	.10
86	.10	377	.12	C60A	.65	C159	.30	F62	.10
87	.10	378	.12	C61A	.65	C160	.30	F63	.10
88	.10	379	.12	C62A	.65	C161	.30	F64	.10
89	.10	380	.12	C63A	.65	C162	.30	F65	.10
90	.10	381	.12	C64A	.65	C163	.30	F66	.10
91	.10	382	.12	C65A	.65	C164	.30	F67	.10
92	.10	383	.12	C66A	.65	C165	.30	F68	.10
93	.10	384	.12	C67A	.65	C166	.30	F69	.10
94	.10	385	.12	C68A	.65	C167	.30	F70	.10
95	.10	386	.12	C69A	.65	C168	.30	F71	.10
96	.10	387	.12	C70A	.65	C169	.30	F72	.10
97	.10	388	.12	C71A	.65	C170	.30	F73	.10
98	.10	389	.12	C72A	.65	C171	.30	F74	.10
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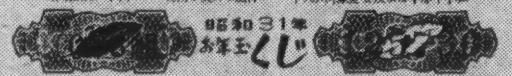
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Animals Used By  
Spanish Colonies

November 23 was the first day of issue for the Spanish Colonies "Day of the Postage Stamp" issues. As in the past, there are three stamps to each, with each having the same face values.



There is an innovation with Spanish Guinea's in that three colors are used for each design. A Titi monkey family in a tree is to be seen on the 5c plus 5c light brown, dark brown and rose, and the 70c light green, dark green and blue. The same monkey family in a different pose is found on the 15c plus 5c light rose, dark rose and brown.

The printing of this as well as the other two sets is by photogravure. Quantities are 1,001,000 of the two low values and 501,000 of the high, a reduction from previous years which will have a tendency to make these sold out promptly.



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Carlos Lenze, Barquillo 29, Madrid, Spain who sent copies of these commems and first day covers, advises that the recently issued Spanish Morocco set for the Coronation Anniversary of the Sultan numbered only 30,000 complete sets.

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